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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above application being transmitted herewith, please amend the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), without prejudice, as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(2) as follows:

At page 1, please delete the Cross-Reference to Related Application Section and replace it with the following new Cross-Reference to Related Application section as shown below:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional application of co-pending Application No. 09/580,987 filed May 30, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECTLY SAMPLING A FLUID FOR MICROFILTRATION", which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/136,668, filed May 28, 1999. The entire disclosures of U.S. Application No. 60/136,668 and U.S. Application No. 09/580,987 as filed are incorporated herein by reference.--